



MONTEREY NEWS

MAY 1991



POLICE CHIEF FIRED

At their meeting on April 16, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to terminate the service of Police Chief Douglas Lyman.

The termination stems from an incident on March 17 when Selectmen Matt Williams and Bill Bohn saw Chief Lyman talking to a motorist on Route 57. Chief Lyman was using his own vehicle on official police business, which he was authorized to do. However, his son Dale was in the car at the time, in violation of town policy. Chief Lyman was immediately suspended and told to report to the Selectmen's meeting the following day.

During the March 18 meeting, Chairman Georgiana O'Connell read from the minutes of the October 22, 1990, meeting, "...when private vehicles are used by the officers for Police Department business, no private citizens are to be in the vehicle (with the exception of those in the officers' custody)." The rule is considered extremely important because of liability insurance

considerations. On the advice of his attorney, Alan Rilla, Chief Lyman did not stay to hear the charges against him. The Board voted unanimously to suspend Chief Lyman and scheduled a termination hearing for April 9. The hearing date was subsequently changed to April 10. At the time, Chief Lyman indicated he would request a public hearing.

More than 60 people turned out for the April 10 hearing. But Chief Lyman requested a private hearing and the Board of Selectmen went into closed executive session. (The minutes of the executive session, from which this account is drawn, are now public record.)

Matt Williams and Bill Bohn recounted the events of March 17. Alan Rilla, in defense of Chief Lyman, said that although the Chief was aware that unauthorized personnel were not allowed in the police cruiser, he did not think the regulation applied to his own vehicle, which he has insured and which his son is insured to operate. The Selectmen indicated that they believed that Chief Lyman did understand the regulation and voted to find him guilty as charged. After some



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time, the Selectmen decided to take the matter under advisement and adjourn their deliberations until their regularly scheduled meeting on April 16. Mr. Rilla asked that the Selectmen keep in mind Chief Lyman's twenty years of service to the town.

At the April 16 meeting, Chairman O'Connell informed the public that there would be no questions allowed because, from a legal standpoint, the matter was to be considered only by the Selectmen. She did give a brief review of the events that had led to the current hearing. Mr. Rilla went on record with his strong objections to the proceedings. The three Selectmen stated their views of the case and then voted to terminate Chief Lyman's service, while continuing to pay his salary until the end of his current term on June 30.

A petition asking the Selectmen to reconsider their decision is currently being circulated around town.

OTHER TOWN NEWS

In an attempt to beautify what has become Monterey's most famous landmark, the berm on the Winfield Ogden property, the Selectmen asked Tree Warden Roger Tryon to have Mr. Ogden submit a sketch of proposed plantings on the town land in front of the earthen barrier. Mike Mielke, representing Mr. Ogden, showed the Board a plan that included hemlock trees, dwarf lilacs and wildflowers. The Board is also considering placing two picnic tables at the site.

The Board of Health announced that the spring period for percolation tests will run from April 15 through May 31. Anyone wishing to have tests witnessed, as required by law, should contact Sanitary Inspector Peter J. Kolodziej not less than 72 hours before the time of the proposed testing.

Summer hours for the Monterey Disposal Area went into effect on April 14. They are as follows:

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Stickers for authorized users' vehicles may be obtained at the Town Hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

The Selectmen have appointed Gerry McMahon as Chairman of the Council on Aging. A table has been set aside in the Town Hall for materials giving information on programs and services available for the town's senior citizens. Mr. McMahon will be happy to talk with anyone interested in the Council's activities, and from time to time will report on them in the *Monterey News*. He can be reached at 528-1409.

The Selectmen have accepted the resignation of Dog Officer Berter Moro, who is moving to Florida, and have appointed Martin Clark of Great Barrington to the position.

The Selectmen met with computer review committee members Greta Chernerff, Steve Bohn and Barbara Swann to discuss their report. The recommendations include the purchase of an integrated data processing system for town officials and boards. The Selectmen subsequently placed an article on the warrant requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 for the purchase of such a system, and an article to create a town data processing center in the Town Hall and allow for the appointment of a town data processing coordinator.

Tom Consolati, Superintendent of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, and Evelyn Vallianos, Monterey's School Committee Representative, met with the Selectmen to discuss the local kindergarten. Mr. Consolati proposed closing the school because only three children from Monterey are scheduled for enrollment next fall. He did say that the school budget has been passed, and it allows for the operation of the Monterey kindergarten. The Board was opposed to closing the school, saying that it is important for the town.

The following building permit applications were approved: Peter LePrevost for the demolition of a house on Route 23; Jeffrey Bell of the Bronx, New York, for the construction of a screened porch at his Brett Road home, submitted by Peter Shepley, the builder; Arnold and Janet Garber for the construction of a porch addition to their Tyringham Road home, submitted by Tom Gillis, the contractor; Seven Arts (John J. Callahan of Summit, New Jersey) for the construction of a staircase at his Lake Buel property located off Route 57, submitted by Jon Andrus, the contractor; Debbie Rankin of Bronxville, New York, for the renovation of an existing garage on property located on New Marlboro Road, submitted by Roger Tryon, the contractor.

—Maggie Leonard



AVAILABLE from the TOWN HALL

One steel desk, approx 6' x 4', with full-size drafting/mapping top attachment. Written offers will be received until May 18 by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Monterey.



CHURCH NEWS and VIEWS

Have you planted your garden yet? With spring-time's beauty bursting from the ground and warm April showers cascading about us, who can think of anything else? It's the growing season, a time to rejoice in new possibilities.

One of the quotes from our recent Earth Day Worship Service was from Narritjin Maymuru Yurra-kala, an Australian Aborigine — "We belong to the ground. It is our power, and we must stay close to it, or maybe we will get lost." That quotation sticks with me. Are we, as God's stewards, getting further and further away from the right path? Are we grounded?

Last month I shared an ecological quiz. This time around, "A Simple Test" from *Environmental Ethics* by Holmes Rolston, III.

A Simple Test

- Do you have a sense of seasons passing (beyond calendar dates), a sense of the day passing (beyond o'clock)? Do you ever check time by looking at sun or sky, or think seasons by looking at a flower or bird that has arrived, or disappeared? Do equinox and solstice pass without your notice? When was your last experience of geological time?
- Name a half-dozen wildflowers currently in bloom in a nearby natural environment.
- Name a half-dozen birds now resident in, or migrating through, your environment. Where is the nearest active bird's nest? What birds now present will leave, come winter or summer?
- What large mammal did you last see in the wild? Small mammal?
- What encounter with an animal, bird, or plant recently took you by surprise, so much so that you turned aside from what you were doing to observe it?
- What species are endangered in your state? Which are not officially listed but ought to be?
- What local natural area that you formerly enjoyed has been so much degraded by development that you are disappointed when you return there?

- What did you eat last that came directly from the soil, without being marketed? Did you prepare it?
- When did you last write [an] official about a matter of environmental concern? Of what conservation group are you a member? Have you made any recent contribution toward environmental conservation?
- How many hours did you spend last week with your feet on the ground? With the sky over your head?
- When was your last encounter with birth or death in the natural world? When did you last pause with a sense of mystery before nature? With a sense of assurance, or a shudder? Recall a recent experience of the sublime or a religious experience outdoors. Where, if you could, would you most like to be buried?

Humans are moral overseers but also moral travelers. They must pass through their world; they ought to do so ethically.

Well, how do you stack up? I know I need to be more observant of the world around me. What better time of year than now, to affirm our kinship with Mother Earth? What could be more important than realizing that we are caretakers of God's creation?



— Cliff Aerie

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze, we need your strength and wisdom. May we walk in beauty. . . .

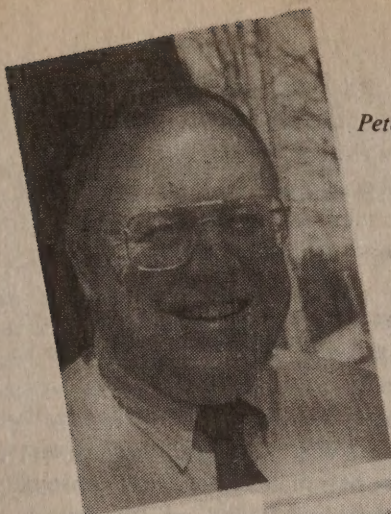
Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.

— Native American Prayer

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The Monterey United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 A.M.
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Peter S. Brown

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE: ELECTION OF MAY 4, 1991

BOARD OF APPEALS for 5 years: **Peter S. Brown** (R), has lived on Blue Hill Road all his life. He retired as Postmaster in Great Barrington last year and now has the time and the wish to give to the town in return for what it has given him. He is Choirmaster and Organist of the Congregational Church in Great Barrington and was one of the first "Woodburn Boys" on Shel Fenn's farm. His participation in conservation issues goes back twenty years.

Robert Gauthier (D), has taught history and government for 27 years, currently at Mt. Everett Regional High School. He has served in the Air Force and was Selectman here in the late '60s and early '70s. You'll see him running the Monterey roads any day and directing the Monterey Road Race in mid-July. His daughter and three sons are now out and away, and he's ready for more town work.

Robert M. Gauthier



BOARD OF ASSESSORS for 3 years: **Hans T. Kessler** (R, D). A summer resident since 1958, Hans became a full-time Montereyan in 1980, when he retired from Mobil Oil Company, for which he had worked in marketing in many parts of the world. He was Selectman from 1981 through 1987, was on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and has been Town Auditor.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE for 3 years: **Linda E. Thorpe** (R, D) candidate for re-election.

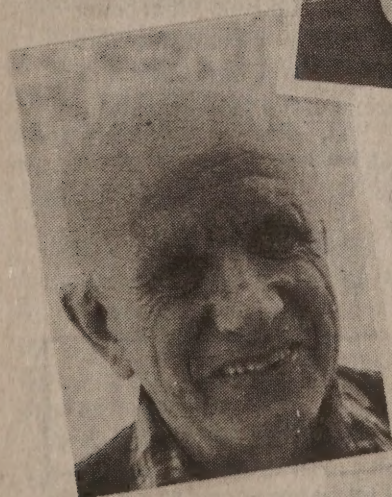
FINANCE COMMITTEE for 3 years: **Nicholas F. Wool** (R, D).

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for 3 years (VOTE FOR 2): **John M. Higgins** (R, D) and **Eileen M. Clawson** (R, D), candidates for re-election.

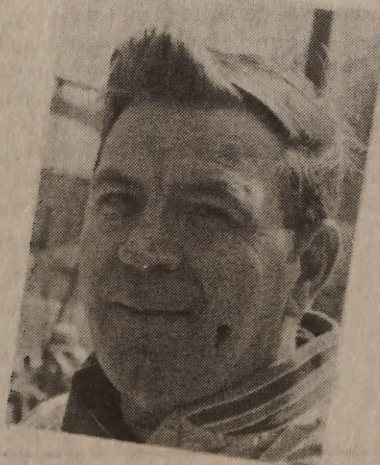
MODERATOR for 1 year: **Mark J. J. Makuc** (R, D) candidate for re-election.

PARK COMMISSION for 3 years: **Leroy E. Thorpe** (R), a long-time former member of the Police Department, has just begun Monterey Little League baseball for the twenty-fourth season. He would like to see the Park Commission organize more programs for kids, especially in the summer — maybe soccer, maybe volleyball.

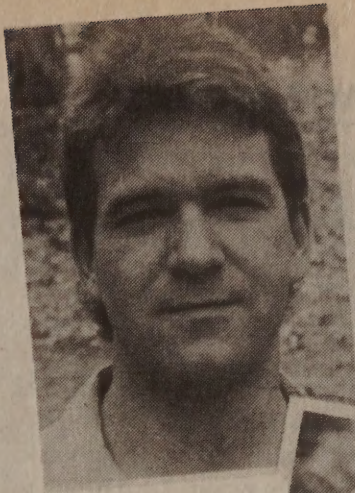
Hans Kessler



Leroy Thorpe

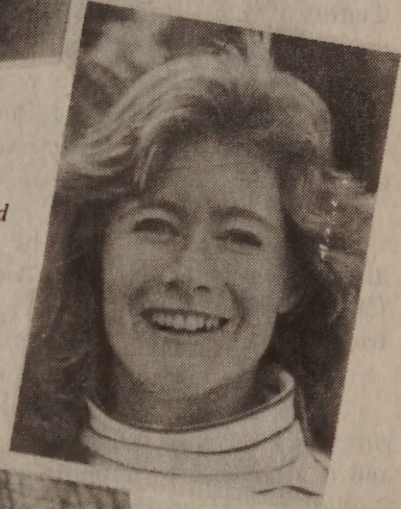


Howard W. (Mickey) Burns, Jr. (D), learned to swim from Fran Amidon at the Town Beach and looks forward to helping today's children feel at home in the waters of Lake Garfield. He has always been a skater and, since the opening of the rink behind the firehouse, has become a hockey player and has been helping Jim Thomas with its management. A life-long summer resident of Monterey, he came here five years ago to do construction work and to live full time.



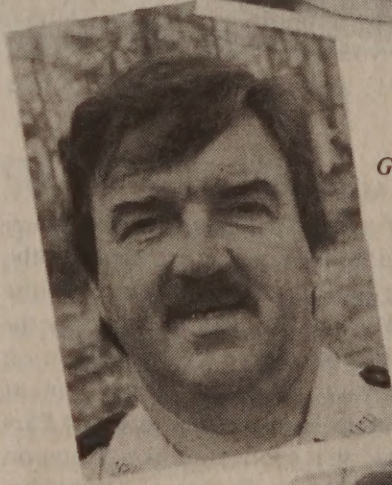
*Howard W.
(Mickey) Burns*

PLANNING BOARD for 5 years: **Maggie Leonard (R)**, says town planning should be innovative as well as regulatory and make available both affordable housing and public recreational land. She has lived in Monterey for ten years and for the past two years has attended the meetings of both the Planning Board and the Selectmen as a reporter for the *Monterey News*. She is well informed on town business and procedures.



Maggie Leonard

Gordon Hamm (D), is in the Monterey Police Department, part time, and works for the Department of Environmental Management in Mount Washington as a ranger. His position on the Executive Board of the State Employees Union takes him to Boston periodically. He worked for 15 years as an engineer, has been a highway inspector in Denver, and a subdivision planner in Tulsa. During the Vietnam War he was in the Military Police at Fort Devens. He was born and grew up, however, in Monterey and several years ago returned with his family: it is his chosen place to live, and he would like to help it toward managed growth. He is concerned about the lack of affordable housing for Monterey residents.



Gordon L. Hamm

BOARD OF SELECTMEN for 3 years: **Georgiana C. O'Connell (R, D)**, candidate for re-election. Gige says that in her first three years, including the current year as Chair, she has learned the job—now she feels really competent. She retired from New Marlboro Central School last year after 26 years of teaching, and her six daughters are launched in various interesting directions. Many members of the family in addition to Gige have contributed town service through the years.



Georgiana C. O'Connell

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for 2 years: **Evelyn D. Vallianos (R, D)**, candidate for re-election.

TOWN CLERK for 3 years: **Barbara B. Swann (R, D)**, candidate for re-election.

TREE WARDEN for 1 year: **Roger C. Tryon (R, D)**, candidate for re-election.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

In conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Children's Health Program recommends that all participants be immunized against the following diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Haemophilus Influenzae (HIB). If you and/or your child are not immunized, please do not participate in group activities if either of you is ill. The staff of the CHP will notify group leaders when communicable disease outbreaks occur and will make specific recommendations to groups regarding attendance. Pregnant women are at a greater risk from these diseases and should protect themselves from unnecessary exposure.

The Community CPR and First Aid courses are scheduled as follows: First Aid — May 7 and 14; CPR — May 21 and 28. All classes meet at the CHP from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Two new support groups are scheduled to begin at the CHP: divorced parent group with Gail Bass and a breastfeeding support group with Debbie Phillips-Wikle. If you are interested in either one, please call 528-9311 and ask for the leader of that group.

Activities for May include: Mothers' Day Party, May 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m., at the Egremont playgroup, Egremont Town Hall; and a picnic on May 31 at the Sandisfield playgroup, Community Center, Route 57, Sandisfield. We hope you can join us at both.

Remember the 15th Annual Bike-a-Thon on May 5 (raindate, May 12) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington. Sandisfield will sponsor a bike-a-thon on the same day in the morning. For more information, please call Sandisfield playgroup leader Brenda Olivieri.

We appreciate two major donations recently received: approximately \$50 in pennies from the Thomas Consolati family in Lee and \$1,000 from the March of Dimes. Both donations will benefit the Parent-to-Parent volunteer program.

— Claudette Callahan



MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

Two series of nature walks, led by Bonner McAllester, will be offered in June and July. One series, meeting on five consecutive Tuesdays (June 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23) will be for children ages 3-5. The other, meeting on Wednesdays (June 26, July 3, 10, 17, and 24) will be for children ages 6-12. Each group will be limited to the first ten who register.

Bonner McAllester is known to readers of the *Monterey News* for her columns on natural history. She is a teacher, naturalist, writer and illustrator with twenty years' experience. The walks are scheduled for 9:00-10:30 a.m. and will begin and end at the church basement in Monterey. Each week the class will focus on a different habitat and will include a walk, discussion, identification, sketching, and writing or oral reporting. Classes will meet rain or shine.

These walks constitute a five-week course in the natural history of Monterey. Children are asked to register in advance for all five weeks. The fee is yet to be determined, depending upon Governor Weld and funding from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery. Call Bonner McAllester (528-9385) for information and to register.





The sugar maple about to be moved

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The Monterey Library will be sponsoring a summer reading program for pre-school and grade school children again this year. The theme this time is "Read for a Spell," and its goal is to introduce children to the magic of books. Plans are still in the works, but so far it looks as if the program will consist of a self-paced motivational reading program as well as a series of special events throughout the summer. Children who participate in the program will turn in their reading logs for prizes whenever they have read the specified number of books for their age group. The more children read, the more prizes they earn, so each child can participate at his or her own rate. The special events will consist of performances, films and activities that will encourage children to come to the library on a regular basis.

The program will begin at the end of June and will continue until the end of August. Specific registration information and additional details will appear in future issues of the *Monterey News*.

— Laurie Shaw

TREE WARDEN NEWS

Spring is the time of year to plant trees. In the past, we have tried to plant five to eight trees a year in locations where townspeople request them. Buying the trees is very expensive—between \$200 and \$400 a tree. I would like to ask landowners to donate trees to the 'town to be planted along roadways or in parks. I'm looking for all varieties of well-shaped trees 3"-5" in diameter. I will be using mechanical equipment to aid in the digging and transporting of trees, so your property must be accessible.

Last fall, we transplanted the first 'town tree. It's a sugar maple 5" in diameter and 16 feet tall. I planted it on our farm across the street from our sugarhouse, where I can monitor its growth, leaf size and density this summer.

— Roger Tryon



PARK COMMISSION NEWS

Once again this summer, swimming classes will be held at the Town Beach the first two full weeks in August (August 5-9 and 12-16). The schedule for elementary classes will be as follows:

- 10:30 — 3 and 4 year olds
- 11:00 — Beginners
- 11:30 — Advanced Beginners
- 12:00 — Intermediate
- 12:30 — Swimmers

Also available will be the lifesaving courses, Emergency Water Safety (intermediate certificate necessary) and Lifeguard Training (must be at least 16 years old). The dates of these classes will be determined by enrollment needs. Adult classes will also be offered and scheduled later.

Our swimming instructor will again be Priscilla Gulliver, with lifeguard Jennifer Hall assisting her.

— Fran Amidon



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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on April 3 for a conservation program arranged by Eleanor Kimberley and Florence Brown. The program included beautiful nature slides by Eleanor and poems of nature and spring.

Sister Pat Holohan and her mother presented the Grange with a beautiful Bible. A cake baked by Patricia Hardisty was presented to Robert Hardisty in honor of his 78th birthday.

An exhibit was set up at the Monterey Post Office for Grange Week.

A public card party was held on April 13. The next regular meeting was on April 17, when First and Second Degrees were conferred and the Massachusetts State Grange made an official visitation.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

THE BIDWELL HOUSE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

If you appreciate history, architecture and the decorative arts, and if you enjoy meeting people, then volunteering at The Bidwell House could be a rewarding opportunity for you. Tour guides and volunteers are needed for the 1991 season, which runs from May through October. Training will be provided before the season opens. For more information contact Shirley Clute at 528-6888.

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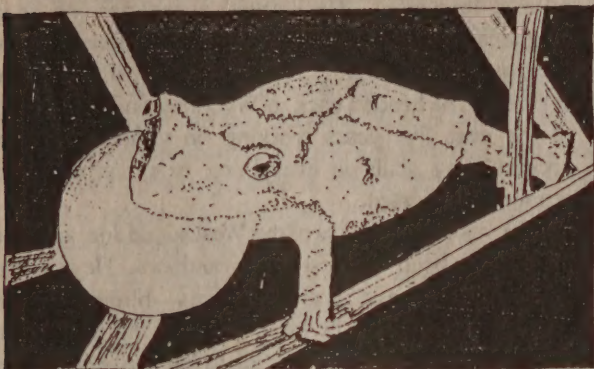
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SPRING PEEPERS RISE AND SING AGAIN



Male spring peeper, Hyla crucifer, 3/4" long

The first time I ever spent spring away from New England I didn't take it at all well. Maybe some people dream of a long vacation in Hawaii, but I was in eighth grade when we went to live there for eight months, and I was set in my ways.

I remember leaving home in January, ice-skating weather. We landed in Honolulu in a warm rain and as far as I could tell, the seasons never changed again. Like most New Englanders, I was used to dramatic change. I was not fine-tuned to subtle shiftings in the gardens, the blooming and fruiting of tropical plants, the seasonal behavior of the birds and bees of Hawaii. Time passed and was marked by the calendar, not by what I could observe in the natural world; I got sick of summer and I wanted to come home.

When you mark time by the calendar, you get in the habit of anniversaries: holidays, birthdays, landmark dates. Many of these fall always on the same numbered day of the same month, year after year, but some don't. Easter, for instance, is supposed to be the first Sunday after the first full moon on or about the twenty-first of March. But the full moon in this case is not the actual full moon but the date the moon would have been full, according to the ecclesiastical calendar of Pope Gregory, if that calendar had been accurate, which it isn't. So the date of Easter, each year, is based on a theoretical full moon.

Then there are the "adjusted anniversaries", like Presidents' Day, or Columbus Day Observed, which have been attached to weekends for variously perfectly good reasons. The point here is just that many of these days of celebration have been somewhat arbitrarily fixed. It's not that they don't mark marvelous moments in history, personal or national, it's just that the numbered day on which we notice them doesn't itself mean a thing.

The philosopher and naturalist Joseph Wood Krutch wrote on this subject in 1949, arguing that the best

seasonal day for celebration at this time of year should be the first day of spring. He felt that Easter and the Vernal Equinox were too mathematically derived and had little to do with the real day on which they might fall from one year to the next. He proposed instead that we mark the joys of spring with the Day of the Peepers. This would not be the same numbered day of the month from one year to the next nor even from one place to another in a given year. Krutch writes: "Your peeper makes a calculation which would baffle a meteorologist. He takes into consideration the maximum to which the temperature has risen, the minimum to which it has fallen during the night, the relative length of the warmer and the colder periods, besides, no doubt, other factors hard to get down in tables and charts. But at last he knows that the moment has come. It has been just warm enough just long enough, and without too much cold in between. He inflates the little bubble in his throat and sends out a the clear note audible for half a mile. On that day something older than any Christian God has risen. The Earth is alive again."

The place I usually hear the peepers first is in Great Barrington. Spring comes to me there on some grey evening or late afternoon as I roll into the Price Chopper parking lot, that desert of macadam, bracing myself for the bright lights and shrieking come-on of the stuff on the shelves. I hop out of the car, switching off my senses in preparation for the onslaught suffered by all us twentieth century shoppers, and to my amazement I experience instead the annual resurrection chorus of the eastern United States. My national spring heralds, the male peepers, are piping away in the wetlands, defending their little territories and making themselves known to the females.

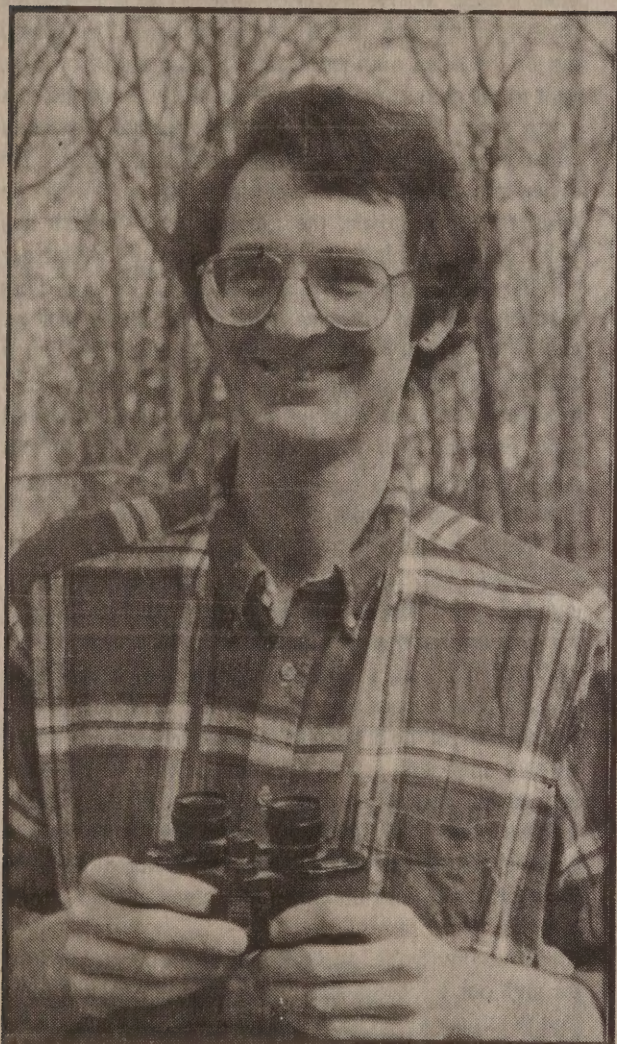
These tiny frogs, about an inch long, have made it through our wicked winter. They have had ice in their bodies as they lay close to the ground covered by leaves or fallen logs, and then when the time was right they have come alive again, traveled to their aquatic breeding grounds, and started up their powerful chorus.

Someone will be quick to point out to me that there are fabulous tree frogs in Hawaii, too. I don't doubt it, and I'm sure those species do something just as marvelous as surviving freezing—I know other frogs in the world have great choruses, too. But that din of the peepers, which has been likened to the ringing of sleigh bells, will always rouse me and reassure me. It gives me something I couldn't seem to get in Hawaii, and I've never gotten it from Easter, either. I get a faith I know I share with thousands of other people who come bursting out of their winter slow-down right about now, people who have grown up with peepers all their lives.

—Bonner J. McAllester

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Joe Baker



Joe Baker, Chairman of the Monterey Planning Board, is retiring after ten years in office. So, as one of Monterey's more reticent citizens quietly slips the bonds of town government, it seems irresistible to hold him up to the bright eye of our readership for just one more moment.

Joe, his wife Bonner and their two daughters, Sudi and Cora, live on Hupi Road in a log house which they have spent the last sixteen years furnishing with the amenities of self-sufficiency. Although Joe and Bonner were both born in the Northeast, they nevertheless chose to settle in Monterey from a remote part of the American West.

Joe grew up in New Jersey, attended private day schools and then Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts,

and first made his way westward after his sophomore year at Princeton. He worked a summer job as a maintenance man and then a wrangler at a dude ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. After graduating with a degree in biology, he headed back to Wyoming and spent most of the next five years working on various ranches, accumulating skills in everything from carpentry to driving draft horses.

The vast, quiet spaces of the West suited Joe, since he had always been happiest in the outdoors. He remembers taking up one of his greatest loves—birding—at the age of eight. For a while, he felt alone in this hobby, but an Audubon Society presentation to his third grade class made him realize that there were other people in the world whose first preference was to roam the meadows and woods and read books about nature.

One of these types was Bonner McAllester, who was working as a wrangler and naturalist at a dude ranch in the Tetons where Joe had taken a job as a handyman. The two of them worked at the ranch through the hunting season in the fall, then landed a job at a ranch near Cody running a field ecology school. They came east at Christmas to get married “to avoid scandal” and returned to find that their prospective boss was breaking up his own marriage to be with a sixteen year old girl and was forced to sell the school to pay divorce costs. The scandalous but fair-minded boss allowed the married but jobless couple to stay at the deserted ranch through the winter until June—an extended, secluded time that Joe recalls as wonderful.

It was during this time that Joe and Bonner began to make decisions about their future. A friend had sent them Helen and Scott Nearing's *Living the Good Life* and Frances Moore Lappe's *Diet for a Small Planet*. Joe says the books revolutionized his thinking.

The Nearings' goal, “to adapt to country living, learn its crafts, overcome its difficulties, and build up a life pattern rich in simple values and productive of personal and social good,” could be a subtitle for a book on the Baker-McAllester lifestyle. Joe and Bonner share Lappe's concern with “how our diet relates each of us to the broadest questions of food supply for all of humanity and the way in which economic factors rather than natural agricultural ones have determined food and land use.”

Joe and Bonner live in a handbuilt house made of logs skidded out of Beartown State Forest by draft horse, peeled, notched and put in place on a hand-poured stone and cement foundation. A vegetable garden, a flock of chickens and two milk goats provide a big percentage of their year-round food supply. A maple syrup business, a contra dance band and Joe's profession as a maker of traditional stringed instruments enable what the Nearings would call a subsistence homestead to pay its way.

Joe says that he and Bonner were looking for a kind of self sufficiency which is responsible in terms of fuel, waste and use of the land. During his years on the Planning Board, Joe's main concern was for the environment. He feels that this country has a history of environmental abuse and that because there is not yet a fully developed consciousness for environmental protection, we need laws to provide it. His time on the Planning Board taught him how complicated a process it is to figure out what's good for the town and what the town wants. He feels a personal sense of disappointment at having discovered how people are governed primarily by their own self interest. He has elected to devote more of the time previously spent in town government to being with his family.

Joe's current interests include weaving a Navaho rug, studying rocks and minerals and creating jewelry out of tumbled stones, homeschooling his daughters, and playing chamber music with friends. All this in addition to the seasonal round of homestead chores, occasional family trips to visit friends or revisit favorite spots in Wyoming.

In discussing the successes and failures of their first experiment in alternative living, the Nearings say "that it is worthwhile for the individual...to formulate a theory of conduct and to put into practise a program of action which will enable him or her to live as decently as possible under existing circumstances." Moments of disillusionment notwithstanding, Joe is a good example of that policy. Who knows what hidden expertise has yet to surface? Here's a hot tip: The next time you meet him in the street, be sure to request his John Wayne impression.

—Ellen K. Pearson



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*The crocus and the snowdrop reach up through the
earth,
curious and saucy, announcing their rebirth.
Blithe spirits, once cold beneath the snow, rise and
stir
with moistened glow.
The approaching sun will halo their heads,
as they reach above their lowly beds.
A joyous, colorful throng of flowers, fill the meadows
in early hours.
They herald to friends, the birds and bees,
to join the ballad in spring's breeze.
A melodic balsam fills the air —
the beginning of Spring, our lady fair!*

— Ann M. LaVallee, 1970

*Cogs turning metal wheels
Running imprints on heart tissue
Ouch! What is this?
Release me!
Our cogs turn one upon another
Stalling gears, causing tears,
Endlessly.*

— Laura Chirico



TO ALL I DID NOT SAY GOODBYE TO

*There's a limbo in my mind
Where shades of long-lost people live.
Not Virgil's spirits born too soon for grace.
I knew these long ago when I was young.*

*What happened to their substances
Whose shadows only went with me,
Passing colleagues on some short part
Of all the days which brought me to this moment here?*

*Some, I know, are only shadow now.
They were grown before I even lived,
And graced and shaped my growing up,
Their images still warm within this grateful heart.*

*But what of my peers of time and place
When time and place passed on,
Those born and nurtured as I grew, too,
Who still should move through fruitful years?*

*Do they, those shadows in my mind, still live?
When I have slept, worked, played, have they so, too?
Are their lives notched by huge events
Which also have impinged on mine?*

*If some, still young, have gone, when did they go?
And how? What did they leave behind?
A wrinkled note of mine? My solemn scribble
Beside my solemn picture on a yearbook's page?*

*My long-abandoned address on a paper scrap?
A secret thought about me in a diary's faded ink?
A book I loaned and never had returned?
A snapshot of us when our lives converged?*

*And when they left with silver years unspent,
Was I, unknowing, at that moment blessed?
As their lives stilled, did I, unknowing, laugh or love?
As their night came, did I, unknowing, embrace the
sun?*

*Yet, since they lived, though far too soon endured
The common passage to the outward gate,
They live still and keep their youth as long ago they
were*

As long as harbored in this aging mind.

*If I am, too, but shadow in your years ago,
And these words conjure up my ancient face,
Hold me there a moment in your thoughts.
I raise my hand and wave cross time and space.*

— Gordon Stafford

ENIGMA

*My first is in water but not in rain,
My second in ice on the window pane,
My third is in noontime and also in lunch,
My fourth is in tea but not in punch.
My fifth in a cookie you will find, and
My last is in yours but not in mine.
My whole is something cold.
What am I?*

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— E. Kimberley

Answer on page 18

MY LOVE WAS CARDINAL-WINGED

*My love flew in the window like a cardinal,
My love was like a bright-winged flaming bird,
When others spoke to me my ears were pardonable
For they heard nothing said but his dear word.
I'd known that many women loved this way,
Mind at loose ends, and hands a bit distraught,
Letting old wives so stupid have their tongues' say,
Scarcely the time for hearing what they sought.
But my love fluttered frightened, over-anxious,
Finding no comfort save that near my heart,
And others' wise words seemed somehow so captious
They would but tear my own sweet life apart.
My love was cardinal-winged, and so compelling
That in my heart it found a secret dwelling.*

— Sue Moody

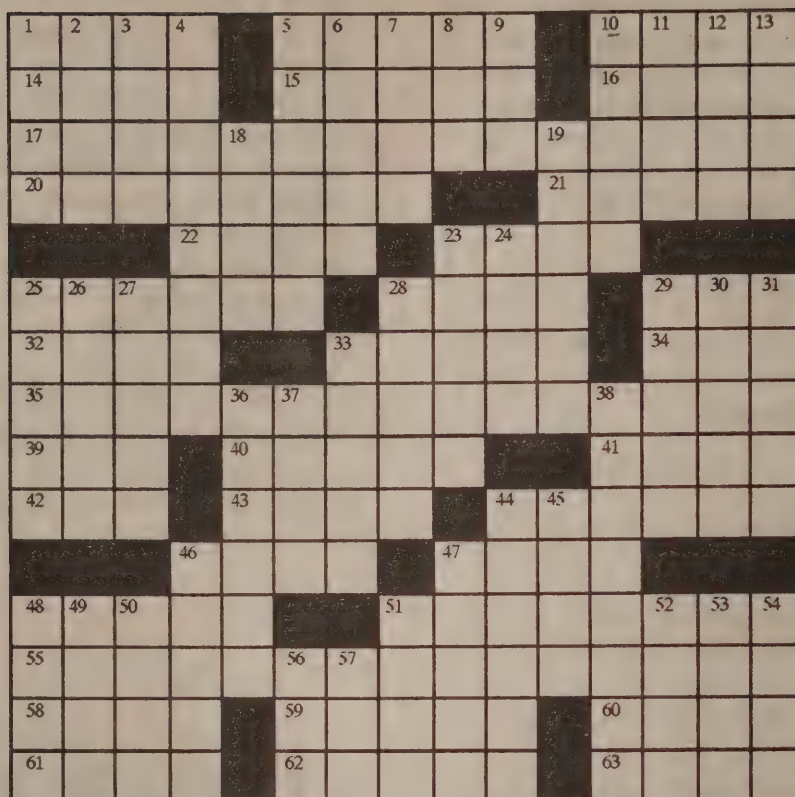
*Where would people go
Were there no shows
Where would people be
Were there no T.V.?
Would they fade away,
Were they made to face
The day?*

— Laura Chirico



QUOTING WHITMAN

By Ted Tchack



ACROSS

- 1 Baseball great
- 5 Italian man's name
- 10 Tiff
- 14 Aloud
- 15 Olympian Jesse
- 16 Guthrie
- 17 "I _____ AND SING MY-SELF"
- 20 Elite horsemen
- 21 "____ beauti-ful doll"
- 22 Snicker _____
- 23 Bird of prey
- 25 Acted
- 28 Pet bird
- 29 Friend in Orleans
- 32 Nimbus

- 33 King or ace
- 34 Tin
- 35 "HAS ANYONE SUPPOSED _____"
- 39 Shelter
- 40 Directed
- 41 French river
- 42 Hockey star
- 43 Let it stand
- 44 Style
- 46 Now's partner
- 47 Care for
- 48 Promised
- 51 Sends
- 55 "I COULD TURN AND _____"
- 58 Gulf nation
- 59 Ghost
- 60 Melody

- 61 Hang
- 62 Beat
- 63 Close

DOWN

- 1 Cent. Ore. Comm. Coll.
- 2 Cookie
- 3 Dances in Paris
- 4 Sneeze response
- 5 Coerced
- 6 Get up
- 7 Wagers
- 8 Feminine suffix
- 9 Prefix meaning smell
- 10 Alexandra for short

- 11 Victim
- 12 Prefix meaning other
- 13 Vegetarian's standby
- 18 Poison
- 19 "All the things _____"
- 23 Council
- 24 Handle
- 25 Prefix meaning loving
- 26 After
- 27 To go in Bordeaux
- 28 Church music
- 29 Future oak
- 30 French river
- 31 Hidden
- 33 Marriage god
- 36 Nut
- 37 Bird of prey
- 38 Slave
- 44 Baser
- 45 Roman years
- 46 Drift
- 47 Business
- 48 Strike
- 49 Broad
- 50 Stove part
- 51 Not this
- 52 Horse
- 53 Rhea Sylvia
- 54 Commander of 20 across
- 56 Common suffix
- 57 Article

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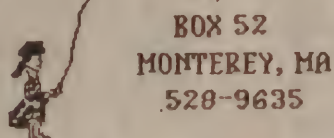
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Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th

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- 2:00 P.M. Softball Game*
- 4:00 P.M. High Tea in the Dining Room:
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- 1:00 P.M. Open House*
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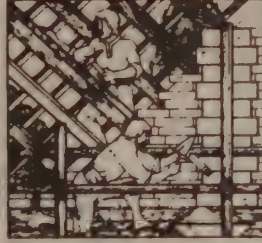
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Earl L. Dunham, 68, of Pixley Road died April 6 at Fairview Hospital.

Born in Great Barrington on February 14, 1923, he was the son of the late Alfred H. and Ethel Decker Dunham and attended school in Housatonic. He had lived in Great Barrington until moving to Monterey three years ago.

He was known in the area as the "man on the bicycle," because he rode his bicycle to and from work no matter what the weather.

Mr. Dunham had worked for the former David Hat Factory in Housatonic, tree surgeon William Winn and the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project. He was also a 20-year employee of the town Cemetery Department, retiring in 1982.

He leaves his wife, the former Hazel V. Ostrander, whom he married August 25, 1953; a son, Allen R. Dunham of Monterey; three daughters, Mrs. Susan Mathieu of Monterey, Mrs. Barbara Froment of Vernon, Vermont, and Mrs. Betty Daniels of Bellows Falls, Vermont; two brothers, Charles and Ervin Dunham, both of Great Barrington; a sister, Mrs. Bette Fischer of Las Vegas, Nevada, and nine grandchildren.

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MILDRED A. WALSH

Mrs. Mildred A. Walsh, 71, of Route 23, died April 23 at Fairview Hospital.

She was born in Monterey on February 24, 1920, daughter of Clarence and Ellen Daley Kinne. She was a graduate of the former Searles High School, Great Barrington, and a hairdressing school in Springfield.

Mrs. Walsh opened Milly's Beauty Shop in Lenox in the mid-1940s and operated it until moving to Springfield in 1949, when she married. In 1955 she reopened Milly's, this time on Main Street in Sheffield, and operated it until 1972. Until 1983, she ran a service station and natural-foods store on Route 23.

She was a life member of United Church of Christ, had taught in the church Sunday school and was active in the youth group.

Mrs. Walsh was one of the founders of the Monterey Food Co-op in the mid-1970s. She was involved with various "Monterey Days" that began with Earth Day in 1979, was active in the Monterey Energy Project in 1980, and in 1985 was the main organizer of Food for Friends, a monthly luncheon.

Her husband, Ralph Walsh, died in 1960.

She leaves a son, Brook D. Walsh of Monterey; a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie L. Campeglia of Canaan, Connecticut; and two sisters, Mrs. Lena K. Pedersen of Monterey and Mrs. Ruby A. Bennett of the state of Florida.



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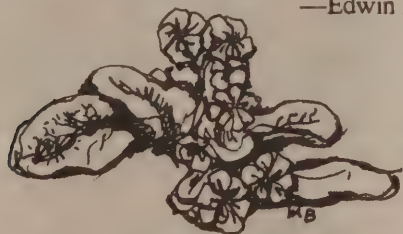
I was deeply moved by the story of Frima in April's *Monterey News*, having read it just days after Yom Hashoah—the officially designated Holocaust Commemoration Day.

Both my parents are Holocaust survivors. My mother was also hidden and saved by a righteous gentile in Poland—a special place of honor for those brave souls is reserved at Yad V'Shem, Israel's national holocaust memorial and museum.

My father, on the other hand, was betrayed frequently, and nearly killed by Polish gentiles, as he tried to stay alive.

Let us learn the lessons of those who were moral and courageous in those darkest of days.

—Edwin A. Salsitz



To the Editor:

After three delightful months in the Keys (in the 80s every single day), on March 1 I went north. All of humanity comes to Florida for the warmth and sun and settles on the two coasts. But in between, and on the Panhandle, there's nobody. You see more cows than you do in the West (big beef industry). Near Ocala you see dozens and dozens of horse farms. On the little roads of the Panhandle, you can drive miles and miles without seeing any cars, houses or people.

I try to go through Biloxi, Mississippi, at meal time. There's a nondescript small house, on stilts, in the Gulf, surrounded by fishing boats (always in the fog, and sometimes rain) named Fisherman's Wharf. It's the best food in the world--blackened catfish, fried mullet, West Indies salad.

I spent several days in the French Quarter of New

Orleans, having jambalaya (spicy rice with chicken, shrimp and sausage) at the Napoleon House, walking my dogs on the River Walk and seeing music played (sometimes with tap dancing) on almost every corner.

For the first time I decided to saunter (in my camper) through Cajun Bayou land -- from New Orleans along Route 90 to Lafayette. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!) That is the place for that! Hot spicy food, Cajun music, dancing. You get light in the head and light on your feet! We live in a wondrous land; this part is like going into a whole different country.

The British expelled the French Acadians from Nova Scotia in 1755. The Acadians found their way down to the Spanish-ruled Louisiana, and Cajun Land was born. Cajun French is a patois of dialects which evolved from the 17th century French of the French Acadian settlers. French in Louisiana was almost completely wiped out by Theodore Roosevelt's "One nation, one language." The pendulum started to swing in the other direction in the late 1940's when Cajun soldiers during World War II in France were invaluable. Now, parents are speaking Cajun French to their children, poets are again writing in French and French Cajun music is more popular than ever.

Music is part of the Cajun soul. It is truly unique, and one that the feet simply cannot ignore. A violin, accordion, triangle, then a guitar. Some Acadians were sent to the colonies of the east coast, French Caribbean islands and France before coming to Louisiana. The Cajun songs tell of sweethearts and lost loves.

I had dinner at the famous Cajun Mulate's in Breaux Bridge. The people at the tables around me were speaking French, the dance floor was crowded. They have music during dinner and lunch. In Henderson, on the Bayou Teche (an Indian word meaning "snake"), I propelled my camper at full speed up to top of the levee. Rain again. I have never seen so much rain! In eight days we had 31 inches! We drove on the top of the levee, looking at little flat-bottomed boats, pirogues, going to the cabins on stilts in the water. The giant trees in the water, draped with moss, looked like ghosts.

I went through the oldest rice mill in America--Konriko--in New Iberia, and through the Tabasco plant on Avery Island. In Houma I wanted to take Annie Miller's Terrebonne Swamp and Marsh boat tour, but with all that rain--no way! Next time. I made a date with a French couple to meet them at Mardi Gras next year.

And so goodbye to the Cajuns, goodbye to the New Orleans Creoles (the high and mighty descendants of people from Spain and France). I'm heading north. See you in May.

—Joan Reed

PERSONAL NOTES

John Owen reports that the Liberty elms planted at Gould Farm are in fine shape. According to John, all 100 of the trees have been mulched and fertilized, and not one was lost over the winter. You might recall that, largely through John's efforts, the trees were purchased by the Town from the Elm Research Institute in New Hampshire. Proven to be 90% disease free, the trees will be planted on town property on the advice of the Selectmen and the tree warden. Thanks to all the nurturing and TLC that John is providing, we will all enjoy the beauty of these elms about Monterey one day soon.

It was an exciting day when Clifford, the Big Red Dog, showed up recently at the Monterey Kindergarten. Clifford helped the children and RIF,



the Reading Is Fundamental program, celebrate the joys of reading.

We are happy to hear that the pins have been removed from **Betty "Mac" Carlson's** arm, and she is recovering nicely.

We send Best Wishes to **Margot Peet**, who we are sorry to hear suffered a stroke recently. Margot is in New York with her daughter at present.

Did you know that the town has a self-appointed beautification committee who call themselves the Christmas Police? Deciding it was high time to remove the wreath from the firehouse door, the members took action. (I received a posted warning last year.) Anyway, the beautiful ribbon from the wreath was somehow recovered by **Kay Sellew**, who would be happy to return it to the owner if contacted.

Congratulations to **Lois Ryder**, whose work has been selected to appear in the 21st annual international juried miniature art exhibition of the Miniature Art Society of New Jersey. Artists from around the world are participating.

More responses to the ongoing small town saga. It's great — keep them coming, and we'll print them now and again.

You know you are in a small town when ...


- ... Your dog's license number is 7.
- ... You lose your mittens and they are returned to you.
- ... A station wagon is adequate to transport the local school children.
- ... A new season does not begin until Town Meeting day, no matter what the calendar or weather says.
- ... Exercise class is held in the church basement.
- ... You come back after thirty years and you hear, "Oh, that's one of the [Ward] girls!"

Happy Birthday Wishes to **Cora Jay Baker** on May 2, to **Douglas Brown** on May 6, to **Eoin Higgins** on May 8, to **Tarsi Dunlop** on May 9, to **Deirdre Higgins** and **Isaiah Gottlieb-Schulze** on May 22, and very special wishes to **A. Wallace Tryon**, who was born May 30, 1894. Also, a very Happy Anniversary to **Alf and Lena Pedersen** on May 22.

Please jot down your news items and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Your contributions are appreciated!



— Stephanie Grotz



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Saturday, May 4—Town Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Firehouse.

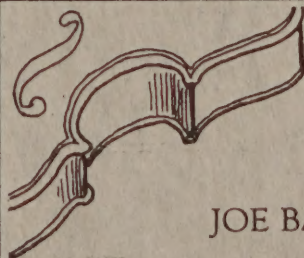
Wednesday, May 8—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Saturday, May 11—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385.

Saturday, May 25—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission \$4. Information: 528-9385.

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day Parade, 1:00 p.m., leaves from the intersection of Route 23 and the Sandisfield Road.

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